



Towards a Definition of Sustainable Scholarship...

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Sustainable Scholarship: Open Access and Digital Repositories
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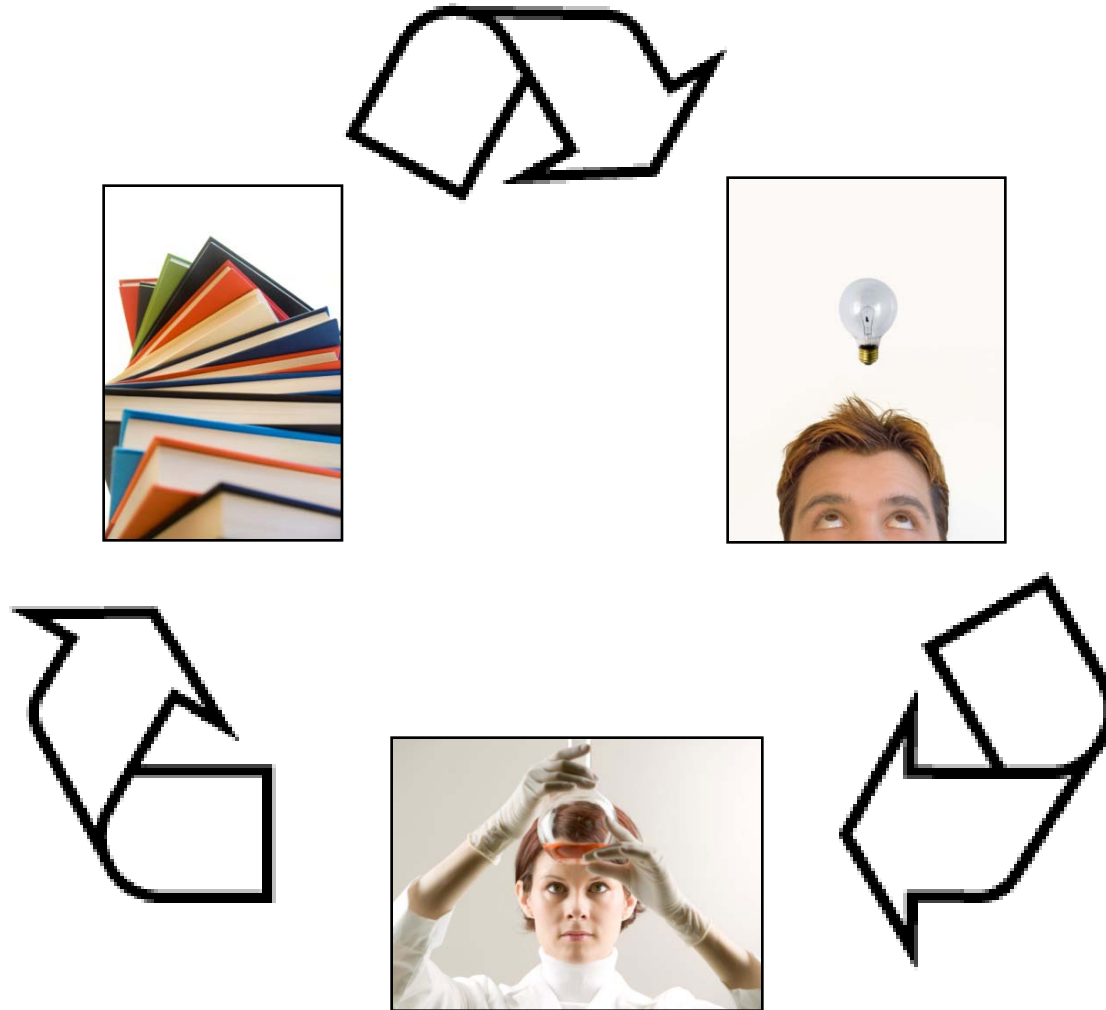
Sustainability: Four Factors

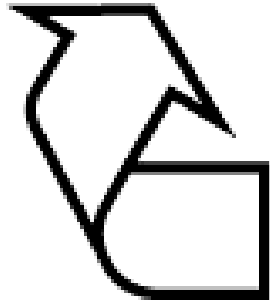
Business *Breaking even (or better)*

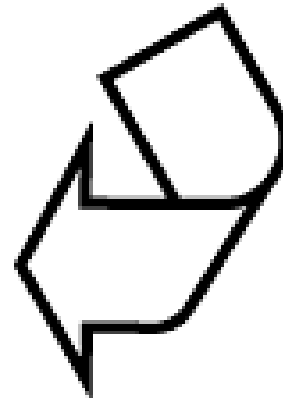
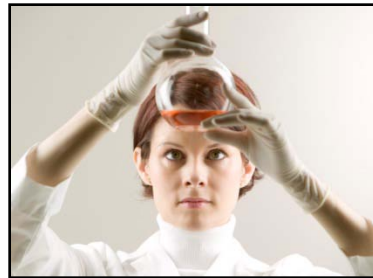
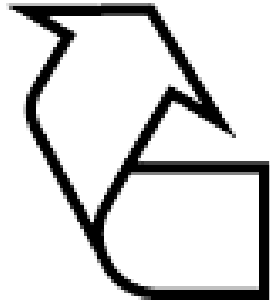
Environment *Saving trees and shipping*

Continuity *Perpetual staffing and support*

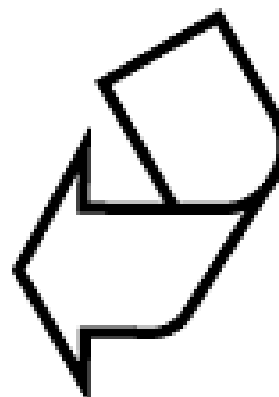
Knowledge *Encouraging creation & dissemination*











Sustaining Knowledge

- Academic institutions* **use** knowledge
- Academic institutions **create** knowledge
- Academic institutions are **the key** to sustaining the availability of knowledge (as expressed in scholarship)

*Academic institutions – **faculty, administrators, staff, students, etc.**

Sustainable Practices

- Support technology that allows easy publication of scholarly journals
- Provide an open repository for faculty work published elsewhere – and for unpublished, in-progress, un-reviewed work (presentations, drafts, data sets, etc)
- Educate faculty about their rights as authors
- Implement mandates for faculty authors to publish in OA venues or to request changes to copyright agreements
- Pay OA author fees for faculty
- Give more “credit” in the P&T process for ALL contributions made to creating/ disseminating scholarship – and encourage faculty to take on diverse roles
- Don’t penalize faculty in P&T for not publishing in “established” journals, but respect/count any publication that evidences strict editorial standards/review processes

Sustainable Scholarship is:

An institutional commitment to supporting faculty efforts in disseminating their work as widely and as freely as possible

A faculty commitment to contributing to the efforts needed – beyond authorship – to sustain publishing venues

The recognition/protection of authors' rights and the recognition/protection of others' rights to benefit from authors' knowledge

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The precise confluence of faculty/author engagement and institutional support that results in created knowledge being shared as openly as possible and being available to serve as the genesis for new ideas.